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SUBJECT: PROPOSED GRANT FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS

MME. TOLEQUE

1. POST WISHES TO NOMINATE THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, MME. ANGELINE TOLEQUE, FOR A PARTIAL IVP GRANT FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 9-26, IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHE HAS SERVED ON CAR DELEGATION TO THE 31ST UNGA. WE HAVE MENTIONED IN TENTATIVE WAY POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A GRANT TO MME. TOLEQUE. SHE WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS IN ONE OR TWO US CITIES AND IN AT LEAST ONE RURAL AREA, AND SHE WOULD ADVANCE HER ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK TO PERMIT HER TO BE FREE DURING THE NOVEMBER 9-26 PERIOD IF SUCH A GRANT IS AVAILABLE. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR HER TO VISIT VARIOUS USG DEPARTMENTS IN WASHINGTON INCLUDING AID TO DISCUSS FUTURE COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS IN HER AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

2. MME. TOLEQUE IS SECOND IN COMMAND OF MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, WHICH HAS ACTIVE PROGRAMS IN SOCIAL WORK, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN'S AFFAIRS, BOTH OF ITS OWN AND IN COLLABORATION WITH FOREIGN DONORS. WE HAVE FOUND HER TO BE HIGHLY-MOTIVATED, PROFESSIONALLY-ORIENTED AND EFFECTIVE IN OUR DEALINGS WITH HER ON OTHER MATTERS. SHE ATTENDED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY LAST YEAR. HER HUSBAND IS MINISTER FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS.

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3. THE CATEGORY OF THE GRANT WOULD BE OBSERVATION AND

CONSULTATION. FUNCTIONAL CODE: 210. MADAME TOLEQUE WOULD BE AN AFRICAN GRANTEE IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL WORK/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. SHE SHOULD RECEIVE FULL BENEFITS. SHE WILL ALREADY BE IN THE US ON A G-2 VISA.

4. WILL OBTAIN FULL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MME. TOLEQUE IF DEPT APPROVES GRANT. SHE IS 33, WAS BORN IN BANGUI, HAS BEEN IN HER PRESENT POST FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND WAS PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL LABOR OFFICE. MME. TOLEQUE WOULD REQUIRE AN ESCORT/INTERPRETER.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE RAPID RESPONSE SO THAT SHE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EARLY DEPARTURE FROM BANGUI FOR UN SESSION TO ENABLE HER TO ACCEPT GRANT LATER ON. WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILED PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS IF GRANT IS APPROVED.QUAINTON

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